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Senate Debates AMS Seminar

By VERONICA BURGHER

The American Multicultural Student (AMS) agency's request for funds to attend a Black Student Government conference was granted Thursday after a heated debate within the Student Senate.

The conference, to be held Feb. 18-20 in Columbia, Mo., offers seminars and courses to involve more black students in government and politics.

"The Big-Eight conference is a very good conference. It has been going on for the past 10 years," said Annette Crowder, AMS director. "It gives the opportunity for students, particularly black students, to get together and exchange ideas."

Student Senator LaCrisha Crawford said the conference is the reason that some black students are in student government now.

The original resolution, submitted by Sen. Aimee Welch, asked for \$1,125 to send 15 students to the

conference. The money would pay the \$75 registration fee. The students will pay for their own transportation and housing costs.

The first opposition came from Sen. Michael Abboud who questioned the agenda for the conference. He asked why titles of classes such as "Who is the Enemy?" and "The Oreo-Cookie Syndrome" sound biased toward whites.

Sen. Bernard Hogan explained the conference is not a time of hatred.

"It is not a time for African-American students to vent their anger towards the white community," Hogan said.

Other opposition came from senators who felt 15 students was too many.

Sen. Heather Rizzuto proposed an amendment to send six students and give \$450 for fees.

Sen. James Neneman said that it would better to send a few students who could come back and teach the

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—Ed Carlson

Mini Mavs

Ron Christian led approximately 250 children who took part in "Mini Mavs" during halftime of the UNO men's game against South Dakota on Saturday night in the Fieldhouse. The event helps young basketball players learn basic skills.

Sig Eps Sing For Food

By JODI BOOKE

If you're sitting in the Caboose and hear a group of girls singing the theme song to "Three's Company" don't worry.

Chances are they're just rehearsing for "Sig Ep Sing," a fundraiser for the Omaha Food Bank.

"Every year we invite all of the sororities, and they sing different songs," said Rob Davis, vice president of the UNO chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. "We give them a theme."

This year's theme, according to Davis, is '80s sitcoms.

The sororities compete against one another to see who can belt out the best tune.

"The turnout is always really good," Davis said. "The sororities love to do it."

The event is open to anyone who wants to attend.

"It's not something for just us," Davis said. "We welcome anybody who wants to come and watch. It's just a way to raise some cans and some money for the Omaha Food Bank."

The price of admission is either \$1 and one can of food or \$2 and two

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Senate to Tackle Math Lab, Library Hours

By KIM DESPINS

In a goal-setting meeting, the UNO Student Senate set goals to extend library hours, improve the Math Lab and pay senators.

One of the top five goals of the senate is to extend library hours to be open until midnight Sunday through Thursday, later on Friday and Saturday and open earlier on Sunday.

The current hours are 7 a.m. until 10:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m.-5:45 p.m. on Friday, 9 p.m.-4:45 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m.-8:45 p.m. on Sunday.

Sen. Michael Abboud said he was skeptical about the extended library hours.

"We don't know if that's something we can actually do," Abboud said. "We'd like to put pressure on somebody to get something done."

Sen. LaCrisha Crawford said the senate was researching how to fund the extended hours.

"The committee for that has not come up with where the money will come from," she said.

Senators suggested diverting funds from the *Gateway* and increasing late fees on library books to fund the extension. Funding could also come from increased fees to non-UNO students, senators suggested.

Improving the Math Lab is another of the senate's top five goals.

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Vitamin May Prevent AIDS

By HEIDI HERMANSON

A common vitamin may hold the key to prevention of AIDS, according to a University of Nebraska Medical Center biochemist.

Research has shown that a form of vitamin B6 prevents the AIDS virus from entering the cell, said James Salhany, professor of internal medicine at the Med Center.

The form of B6, known as pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP), has been shown in laboratory tests to "tightly and specifically" cover a receptor site on a white blood cell, Salhany said. He explained that the AIDS virus "hooks onto" the white cell and then makes its way in.

Once in the cell, the virus transports its own DNA into the cell's nucleus. It then produces the viral particles that eventually destroy the immune system.

Salhany has been working on the project with Med Center virologist Mario Stevenson since the fall of 1992.

Salhany said he was encouraged by the initial findings of the research. "If we can understand how it (the virus) works, we can attack it. If we can stop the virus from binding, we can slow down or prevent viral infection," Salhany said.

"We have found the first evidence that a vitamin is directly anti-viral, until now, there was no hard evidence."

The test used cultured human white cells in a test tube.

The next step is to obtain additional

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Student Government Goals

- *1. Investigate alternatives to the Math Lab.
- *2. Extend library hours.
3. Macintosh printer in Eppley 24-hour computer room.
- *4. Additional copy machines on campus.
5. Improve recycling on campus.
- *6. Funding for Student Organizations.
7. Explore on-air radio station.
- *8. Resurface track.
9. Student senator stipends.
10. Improve communication.
11. Mentoring program.
12. Interactive information kiosks.

* - denotes top five goals.

SABC Ponders Budget Items

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) may consider built-in budget allowances for student agency trips and conferences as it examines proposed 1994-95 agency budgets.

The introductory session of the commission, which consists of Student Senate, faculty, staff and student members, convened Thursday.

Each year, SABC reviews the budgets for the four student agencies, American Multicultural Students, International Student Services, Disabled Student Services and the Women's Resource Center. Budgets for the Student Programming Organization and the Gateway are also reviewed. SABC will present its final budget recommendations to the senate March 17.

SABC Chair Susan Greenslate, offered the built-in allowances for the agencies as possible option to the agencies requesting allocations from Student Government.

Frank Zahn, a faculty member on the commission, and Senate Speaker Justin Peterson, who attended the meeting, expressed concerns that such a measure would by-pass Student Government's authority.

SABC Members

*Susan Greenslate, Student Government executive treasurer, SABC Chair
LaCrisha Crawford, student senator
James Neneman, student senator
Tad Stuelpnagel, student senator
Aimee Welch, student senator
Mike Kennedy, student-at-large
Craig Richter, student-at-large
Duane Aschenbrenner, faculty
Dennis Fus, faculty
Dr. Jeffrey Harrison, staff
*Terry Forman, manager of student organizations and leadership development

*Non-voting member

Campus Safety Is Now Only a Phone Call Away

By Heidi Heller

With the murders of three UNO students in the past two months, safety issues have been on most students' minds.

One recent measure Campus Security has taken to increase student safety is the installation of security phones around campus.

The phones were installed last summer right after the spring semester.

"We put the phones in because we don't have means for people to get help, especially at night," said Campus Security Manager Charles Swank.

According to Swank, the phones are very simple to use. Students who walk up to the phone, will see a faceplate with a speaker in it and a button below it. When the button is pushed, Campus Security is automatically dialed.

After a security officer answers the call, the student may then tell the officer about the problem and Campus Security will im-

mediately send help.

If no one is on the line, Campus Security will go to that location to see what happened.

The phones may also be used in non-emergency situations, Swank said. If a student locks his keys in his car, for example, he can use one of the phones to contact Campus Security and an officer will go out to the student's car to unlock it for him.

"One time we got a call from someone who hurt himself playing soccer on the AstroTurf," Swank said.

Campus Security also provides other services to insure student safety.

If students don't feel safe walking to a car at night, they can have a security officer escort them to their car.

All in all, Swank encourages students to be aware of what's going on around them.

"Students should be attentive to their well-being and property."

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cans of food.

The food bank uses the money to buy food, but would rather receive contributions in the form of food.

The UNO Student Center will be the site of "Sig Ep Sing" Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

While Sigma Phi Epsilon contributes to the Omaha Food Bank, participate in other charitable events as well.

Jim Edwards, president of the fraternity, said the organization they devote the most time to is the American Red Cross.

"And they helped us out," Edwards said, "when the (fraternity) house burned down."

In an alleged arson, the fraternity's house burned down last Sept. 25. The Omaha chapter of the Red Cross gave shelter to members who were left homeless by the fire.

One event the fraternity sponsors each

year to help the Red Cross is the bloodmobile. Davis said the fraternity runs the bloodmobile on the Wednesday of Greek Week every year.

"We will also be having a benefit for the homeless," Davis said. "It's a big gala."

According to Edwards, charitable events in the Greek system began to alleviate stereotypes from the '50s and '60s.

"The National Fraternities felt they needed to get rid of the 'Animal House' image," Edwards said. "They started requiring both fraternities and sororities to have philanthropic events."

"The volunteer work is good because it gives the community a little bit more to think about towards us than just having parties."

Davis said his fraternity put in about 236 hours of community service last semester.

64 UNO Students Honored

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 1994 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges includes the names of 64 students from UNO.

These students were selected by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory based on their academic

achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join a group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

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Crawford said a senate committee will be searching for ways to improve the Math Lab. The committee will meet with Janice Rech, director of the Math Lab, to discuss any possible shortcomings.

"A lot of people are just discouraged by the fact that they can't get the help they need," Crawford said.

Crawford said some students have complained about a shortage of teacher assistants in the lab.

"I think it's a good thing that they're looking into it," Student President/Regent Matt Schulz said.

Senators also named stipends for student senators as one of the goals of the senate for the spring semester.

Senators currently do not get paid. Each senator is required to hold office hours for one-hour a week and to attend senate meetings which are held twice a month.

Speaker of the Senate Justin Peterson said senators suggested a stipend of \$250 per semester. Peterson didn't think the suggestion would become reality.

"If we did, there would be an uproar," Peterson said. "We have people (on senate) who aren't even dedicated to what they're doing. It's just mainly for fun, and for me it's for leadership experience."

Peterson said he feels the executive treasurer, the chief administrative officer and possibly the student president/regent should receive a stipend. In the last election, students voted against paying Student Government officers.

"I do as much as I can," Peterson said, "but I would feel kind of funny getting paid for it."

Abdoud said the goal was meant as a joke, but survived the first round of brainstorming in narrowing the goals to five.

"There are a couple of senators who seem adamant about it," Schulz said, "but I can't imagine that it would pass."

The stipends would probably have to come from a reserve account, Schulz said.

"I don't think they can even do that."

Health Services to Offer Free Testing for HIV

Health Services is offering a free and confidential day of HIV testing in early February. Call 554-2374 to schedule an appointment.

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funding and determine if the mechanism will work in humans, Salhany said.

It is currently unknown if the amount of PLP needed to be effective would be able to be tolerated by a person, he said.

Salhany warned against thinking of vitamin B6 as a panacea. He encouraged people to take vitamins if they chose to, but said that they should stay within the recommended dosages. Salhany noted that excessive amounts of vitamin B6 can cause neurological effects such as nerve disorders and diminished nerve responses.

The knowledge of how the vitamin inhibits the receptor sites could be useful in research of a cure for AIDS, Salhany said.

"It's time to do something. There are lots of people dying out there."

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The Gateway: Stayin' Alive.

Freedom of Choice Is Foundation of Nation

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FROM FUNDING, PAGE 3

It's sad that a government body would even think of placing restrictions on a paper based on content.

It's difficult to be free when a government body holds a newspaper's funds hostage.

It's ludicrous to think that a government body has the power to restrict a newspaper whether it's a campus paper or not. The senate must think its constitution is more powerful than the United States Constitution.

The freedom of the press means free from governmental control. As long as the senate has the means to cut the *Gateway's* budget, it is in danger of violating the First Amendment.

Referring back to representa-

tive government, it should be noted that UNO students voted 436 to 185 for part of its student fees to continue funding the *Gateway*. Is the senate paying attention to the voices of those who voted them into office?

436 to 185. It wasn't even close.

In spite of the problems facing the senators concerning funding, it should be noted that they have come up with some ideas which would greatly benefit UNO students. Now, will the battles over funding dominate the senate's agenda, or will they look to accomplish goals to help all UNO students?

Let's hope the senate takes steps forward instead of letting the same old beat go on.

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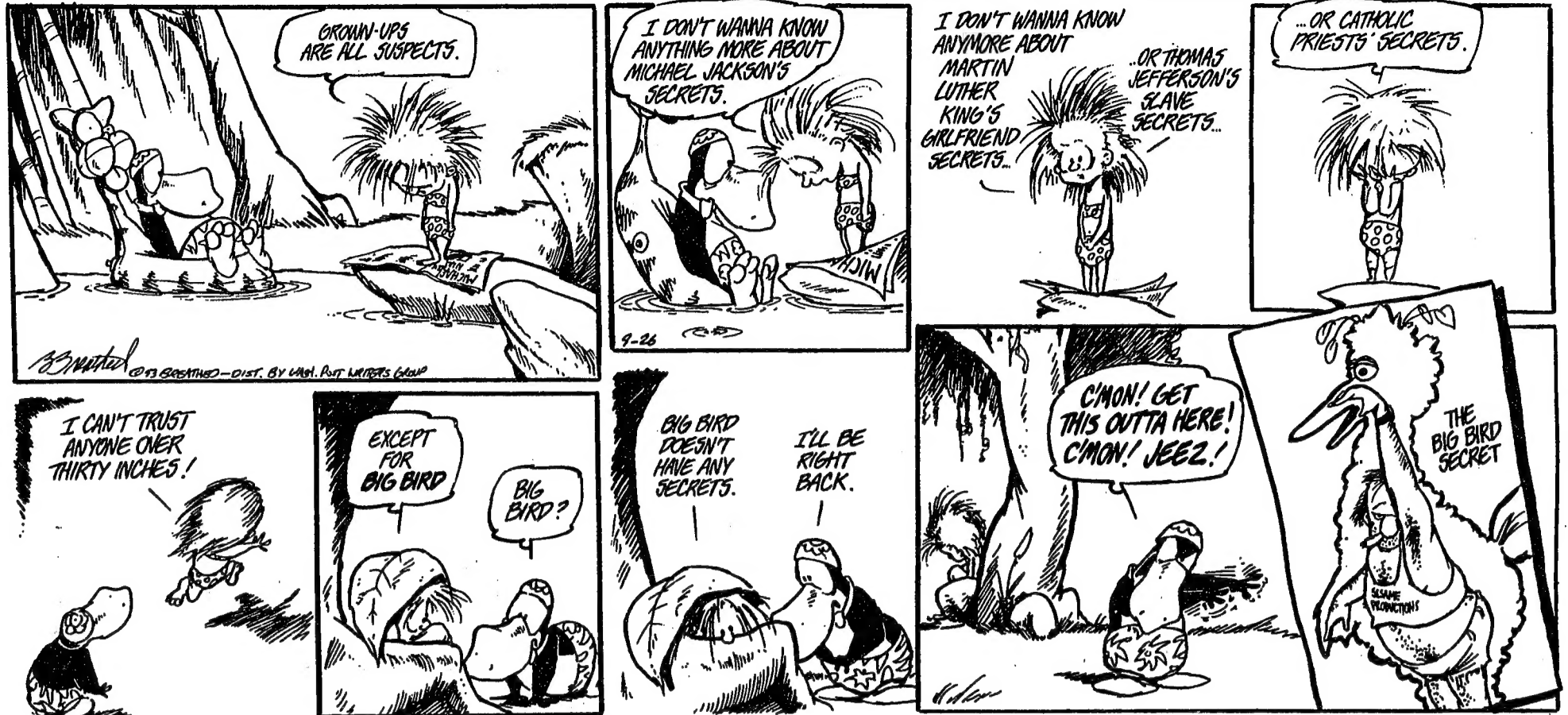
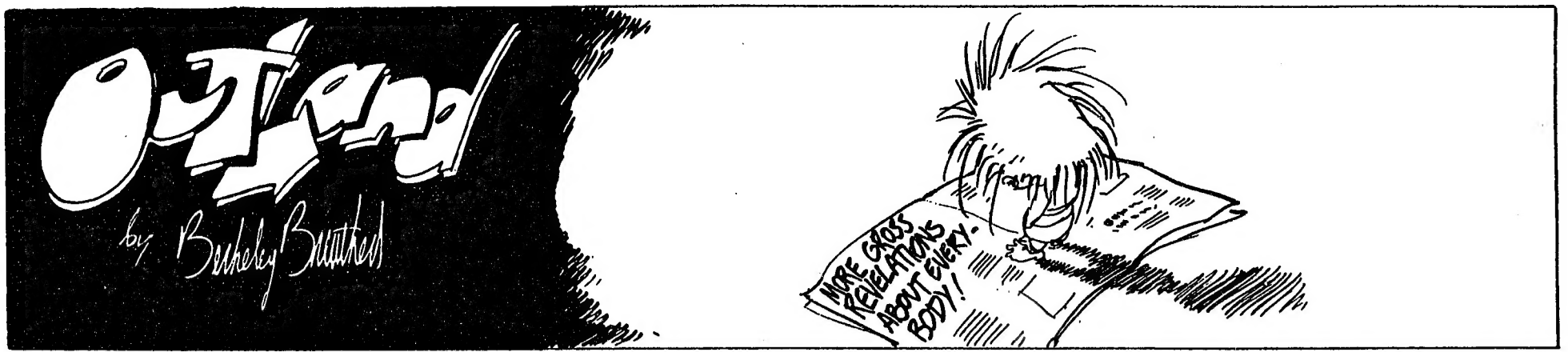
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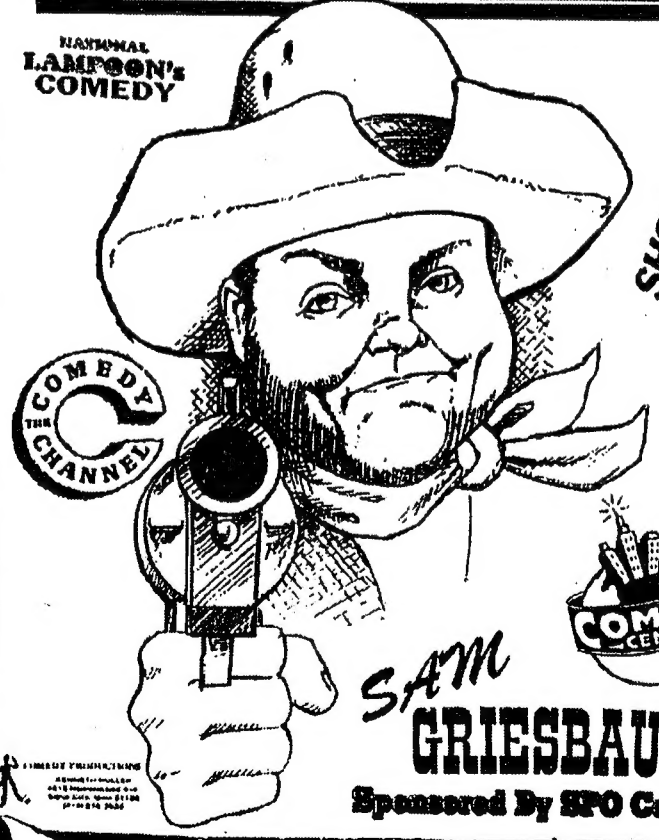


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other students.

In response to the opposition, Crowder said she had cut the number to 15 before bringing the request to the senate, even though the interest was much greater.

Chief Administrative Officer Steve Meacham commented that because conferences are great for motivating people, the senate should send all 15 students.

"The more the merrier," Sen. Patrick Flanigan commented.

Welch proposed an amendment to Rizzuto's amendment to raise the number to 10 students and pay \$750 in fees.

Welch's amendment passed.

The request must still be approved by Student President/Regent Matt Schulz.

In other Senate business:

- Tess Fogarty was appointed to the Publications Board.

- Eric Wells was accepted to the Continuing Studies Senate seat.

- Michael Ostlund was accepted to the Engineering Senate seat.

- Tara Slevin and Andrew Ryba were appointed to Traffic Appeals.

- Mike Kennedy was elected as student-at-large to SABC.

Sen. Stephen McIntyre brought up Kennedy's alleged bias against the *Gateway*, because of his loss of the student president/regent election, and suggested Kennedy might use SABC to cut *Gateway* funding.

"Do I look forward to cutting the *Gateway* this year?" Kennedy replied, "I can safely tell this senate that I will not propose at SABC for a budget cut."

Group Aims to Aid Young Victims of Agent Orange

By KATHARINE STOLTZFUS

The veterans of the Vietnam War paid the price of patriotism when they returned home to a hostile American public.

Now, more than 20 years later, some veterans and their families are still paying.

Between 1963 and 1971, an undetermined number of Vietnam veterans were exposed to Agent Orange, the dioxin-containing exfoliant named for the orange striped containers in which it was stored.

In the years that have followed, Agent Orange has been blamed for causing disease in Vietnam veterans and birth defects in their children.

It is the families and in particular, the children of these veterans that Michael Goldsmith of the Agent Orange Class Assistance Program (AOCAP) wishes to help.

"We're targeting the children because they've kind of fallen through the cracks at a lot of veterans agencies," Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith said that many of these children are now college-aged, although they range in age from newborn to mid-20s.

"The veteran could have come back in 1970 and had a child that would now be 24 or he could be having a child right now."

The program, the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Outreach and Family Support Program, is funded by AOCAP and operated by the Great Plains Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) located at 7612 Maple St., in Omaha.

AOCAP came about as the result of a class action suit against the U.S. government and the manufacturers of Agent Orange. The suit claimed the dioxin it contained had caused diseases such as non-Hodgkins lymphoma and several types of cancer in veterans as well as various birth defects in their children.

In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was reached. A direct payment program for veterans with total disability and the families of deceased veterans was created, with the rest of the funds going to AOCAP to provide human services to veterans and their families.

The outreach effort is a new program, Goldsmith said and is designed to "help Vietnam vets and family members if they were in contact with Agent Orange. We're able to provide referrals or send them to an existing agency."

Goldsmith said there is also funding available if a veteran or a veteran's family member cannot meet their needs through an existing agency.

"We work with Vets Centers, VA hospitals, children's homes and basic human service agencies," Goldsmith said. "Our goal is to help Nebraska Vietnam veterans and their families without duplicating the services that are already available."

The program has been in existence since October, and Goldsmith said he has been happy with the response.

"It's been very positive. In the past month, we've had 10 or 12 interested parties."

Any students who may qualify for the program or would like more information can reach the Great Plains PVA at 398-1855.

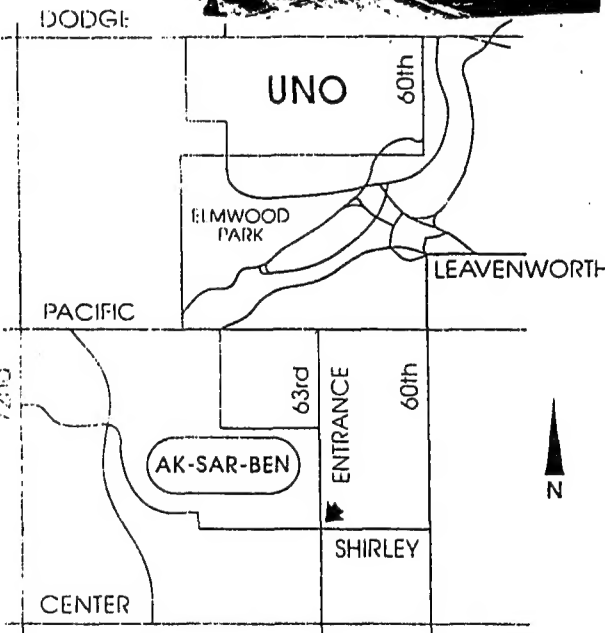
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Mavs Suffer 2 Losses at Home

UNO Can't Stop Losing Streak

By TIM ROHWER

It's hard to beat a basketball team that makes better than half of its shots.

The Coyotes of South Dakota hit 57 percent from the field, including nine of 17 three-pointers in cruising to a 97-74 victory over the UNO men's team on Saturday night.

That loss, along with their 82-71 defeat by Morningside on Friday, dropped the Mavs to 0-7 in the North Central Conference (NCC) and 2-13 overall.

UNO played the Coyotes, who came into the game with a 12-2 overall record, tough in the early going, trailing only 15-14 seven minutes into the game.

South Dakota, however, got hot and outscored the Mavs, 16-5, during the next five minutes to take a commanding 31-19 lead.

The Coyotes led 45-34 at the half.

UNO committed several turnovers early in the second half. The Coyotes capitalized on the turnovers to increase its lead to 54-34.

Sophomore center John Skokan led UNO with 19 points and 10 rebounds, while freshman guard Mike Rieves added 16 points.

South Dakota's nine unanswered points to open the second half was the second night in a row the Mavs saw a close game break open near halftime.

Against Morningside, UNO trailed by only six points with 30 seconds left in the first half before the Chiefs scored two baskets to close the half.

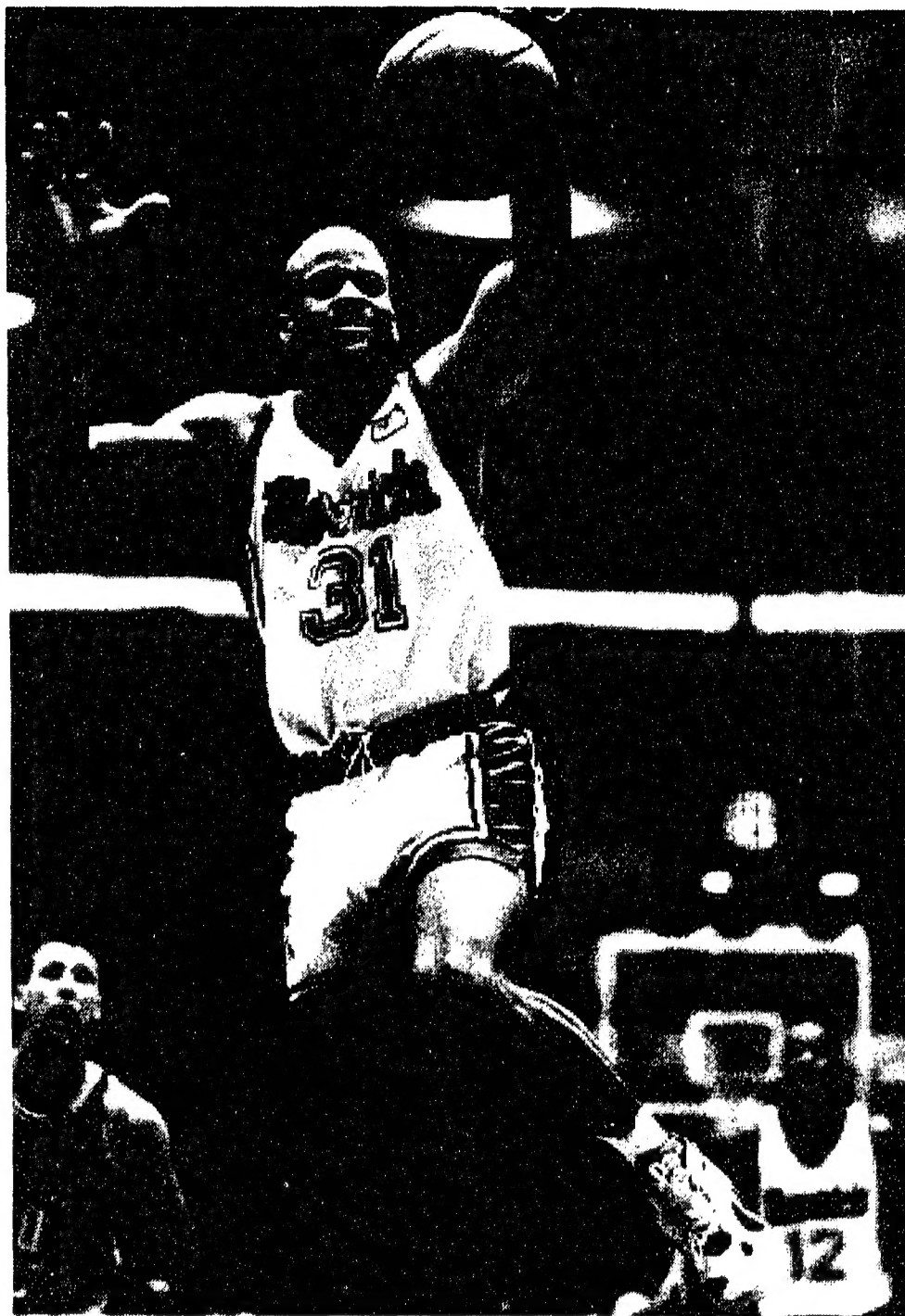
That did not please Mav Coach Bob Hanson.

"We made runs at them and in the last 30 seconds to get it down to six. Then they scored four easy points," he said. "It's ridiculous."

Earlier in the first half, the Mavs overcame a six-point Morningside advantage to take a 26-25 lead on a tip-in by Skokan at the 8:32 mark.

Morningside scored the next five points, highlighted by a slam from forward Brad Barron which brought the Morningside fans to their feet.

Barron gave the Mavs other headaches in the first half with a tip-in at the 3:22



—Ed Carlson

UNO junior Malik Clinscales goes after the ball against South Dakota on Saturday night. The Mavs fell to South Dakota and to Morningside on Friday.

mark for a 40-32 Morningside lead and a lay-up, one minute later, for a 43-33 advantage.

UNO came back, however, and a lay-up by freshman guard Reggie Clark with 30 seconds left brought the Mavs to within 6.

Then came Morningside's two quick baskets, including a lay-up by center Chad Mercer right before the buzzer.

The Chiefs continued the hot streak throughout the second half, building leads up to 17 points.

UNO clawed back with six minutes left in the game. Junior forward Frank Cypress made two free throws to cut Morningside's

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Mavs Fall to 2 NCC Foes

By MATT CONKLIN

Illness and weight problems contributed to the UNO wrestling team dropping two matches to nationally ranked North Central Conference (NCC) opponents over the weekend.

One wrestler for UNO failed to make weight, and Lim Prim, who wrestles at 118 pounds, was sick, forcing the Mavericks to forfeit 12 points to both teams.

"Lim is like a spark plug for our team," UNO Coach Mike Denney said.

UNO lost 27-13 to North Dakota (UND), ranked ninth in NCAA Division II on Friday. Then, UNO lost to North Dakota State (NDSU), ranked second in NCAA Division II, on Saturday 27-13.

"The first night we didn't perform as well as we could have," Denney said. "The second night, we really performed well, each and every guy."

There were some bright points for UNO during the two losses.

Steve Costanzo won both of his matches over the weekend, despite having torn cartilage in his ribs. Costanzo defeated Ben Berogan of UND on Friday 9-7. Costanzo then defeated Jeremy LaVigne of NDSU 11-5.

Brian Zanders won both his matches, defeating Sean McDonald of UND 18-8 and Ross Mack of NDSU 12-8.

Heavyweight Darin Tietz won both of his matches by major decisions, defeating Chris Allery of UND 10-1 and Mike Leinwand of NDSU 8-0.

Denney said that Ryan Crawford had an incredible match over the weekend, defeating Mike McCormick of NDSU 20-15. Denney also praised Eric Robinson, saying that Robinson took his opponent on Saturday, NDSU's Lance Koenig, "to the limit," during their match. Koenig, ranked third nationally in the 177 pound weight class, defeated Robinson in overtime 7-3.

Denney was not surprised by the results of the matches, remarking that both teams were nationally ranked, and deserved to be.

"We pretty much knew what they had, so there were no real surprises," Denney said.

Denney said, however, that the meet wasn't a good comparison, because the other two teams had full lineups, while UNO was missing two wrestlers.

"Our goal was to perform well," Denney said. "The second night, we accomplished our goal."

"I think we're going to be okay," Denney said. Denney was encouraged by the way the wrestlers performed on Saturday, making up for some poor performance on Friday night.

Denney said the team should be in good shape for the NCC tournament.

The next two meets will be "great competition," Denney said. UNO will face Augustana on Friday, and South Dakota State on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the UNO Fieldhouse.

Denney mentioned that there will be some challenges for his wrestlers over the weekend. Both Zanders and Tietz will be wrestling two wrestlers ranked above them in their weight class.

"If we wrestle well," said Denney, "we'll be looking for some high seeds in the upcoming NCC tournament."

Denney also looked forward to filling the holes in his lineup.

"I'm anxious to fill the two vacant slots," Denney said.

Lady Mavs Collect Wins

By TIM ROHWER

The Lady Mavs celebrated their 25th anniversary Saturday night with an 82-77 win over South Dakota before a crowd of 2,000 at the Fieldhouse.

The entire weekend was worth saluting as UNO beat Morningside, 79-65, Friday.

The two victories moved the Lady Mavs into the win column for the first time this season in the North Central Conference (NCC) with a 2-5 record and 8-7 overall.

Freshman guard Amy Loth scored eight of her 16 points in the final four minutes to

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Track Team Meets Goals

By DAVE BORYCA

Despite heavy competition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Open, the women's indoor track team managed to meet its goals.

"It was a pretty tough meet," Coach Tim Hendricks said. "We ran a little better than last year top to bottom. We did what we wanted."

The Lady Mavs placed eight athletes in the top 10 in nine events.

Linda Vondras led UNO by placing eighth in the 55-meter dash and ninth in the 200-meter run.

According to Hendricks, Vondras didn't do as well as expected in the 55-meters.

"She didn't run as fast as she did last year," Hendricks said. "She was down by 2 one-hundredths of a second which is comparable to five seconds in the mile."

Despite this, Hendricks said the 55-meters was probably the toughest event in the meet.

"The 55-meter had one of the toughest finals in all the races," Hendricks said. "It had an exceptionally good and fast field."

In the 55-meter hurdles, Sue Del Castillo placed fourth while Kim Osler finished fifth. Mary Lynn Wieberg placed fourth in the 800-meter run. Barb Keefover placed fifth in the 600-yard run. Jennifer Kennedy finished in ninth place in the 3,000-meters. Heather Haines and Billy Jo Antisdell placed fifth and seventh respectively in the 400-meters.

UNO also finished a fourth-place spot in the 4X400-meter relay with Heather Haines, Barb Keefover, Mary Ann Wieberg and Billie Jo Antisdell competing for the Lady Mavs.

The next meet for the track team will come on Friday at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invite in Lincoln. According to Hendricks, the team is ready.

"It's a short week for us, but for the most part we'll be ready to go," Hendricks said. "It'll be a dogfight, but we have a shot of winning it. It won't be easy."

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help preserve UNO's victory in Saturday's game.

The contest was close throughout with the Lady Mavs leading 38-34 at the half.

With six minutes remaining in the game, UNO jumped out to a 72-62 before South Dakota pulled within one, 74-73, at the 1:55 mark.

A short time later, Loth sank a 12-foot shot, and another freshman, forward Julie Nahas, hit an 8-foot hook shot to increase UNO's lead.

Loth then nailed four free throws in the final 30 seconds to secure the victory.

Saturday's game came on the heels of a dramatic rally by UNO against Morningside the previous evening.

It was a game which pleased Lady Mav Coach Cherri Mankenberg.

"We finally broke the ice," she said following the Mavs' first NCC win on Friday. "We learned a lot of things."

With 11:30 remaining in Friday's game, the Lady Mavs trailed 49-37.

That's when senior co-captain Aimee Noel took charge.

Noel, who plays both guard and forward, hit two jumpers within a minute to help reduce the Chiefs' lead to eight.

At the 8:25 mark, Lady Mav freshman forward Amy Breen missed a

free throw, but Noel got the offensive rebound and scored to get UNO within one at 51-50.

Following a technical foul on Morningside forward Jane Brinkman, Noel hit two free throws to give UNO the lead, 53-52, a few seconds later.

Roxanne Wiles, the Lady Mavs' other co-captain, increased UNO's lead to 56-51 when she hit a jumper and a free throw after being fouled by Morningside guard Sarah Roloff.

UNO increased its lead to 16 points when Noel scored inside at the 5:21 mark to make the score 67-51.

The Chiefs tried to make a comeback following Noel's basket, but never got closer than eight points.

Noel led the Lady Mavs with 23 points, while Loth added 17 and Wiles added 13.

"At the start of the second half, we took good shots, but they didn't fall," Mankenberg said. "Our kids didn't get down and then Aimee Noel hit two shots in a row after we were down by 12. We kept our patience and the shots finally fell. It was a tremendous effort and we continued to attack Morningside even at the end."

The Lady Mavs hit the road for their next two NCC games. UNO plays Friday at Mankato State and Saturday at St. Cloud State.



UNO freshman Amy Breen drives to the basket in action this weekend. The Lady Mavs collected two wins.

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lead to 71-62.

Any hopes of a comeback were shattered when Barron scored inside a short time later to end the UNO threat.

Guard Troy Larson led Morningside in scoring with 24 points, followed by Barron's 23.

Cypress led UNO with 17 points, while Skokan added 14.

"They (Morningside) were more aggressive, and we didn't play as well offensively as we needed to," Hanson said.

Cypress added, "They came out aggressively and had good penetration by their guards. They shot too many lay-ups, and we missed too many, but we've had good practices and we're real confident about ourselves."

The Mavs' next two NCC games are on the road Friday at Mankato State and Saturday at St. Cloud State.

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